UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
X
JOSE HENRY GONZALEZ,
Individually and on behalf of all

**AFFIDAVIT** 

Plaintiff,

-against-

Case No. 12-CV-3465 (BMC)

AUTO-CHLOR SYSTEM OF NEW YORK CITY, INC., et. al.,

others similarly situated,

	Defendants.
	X
STATE OF NEW YORK)	
	SS.:
COUNTY OF QUEENS)	

ROOPRAM HARILALL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I have worked for AUTO-CHLOR SYSTEM OF NEW YORK CITY, INC.
  (hereinafter "Auto-Chlor") for approximately 1 years and 8 months, or since February 18,
  2011.
- 2. My title is Route Trainee. My duties as a Route Trainee are to cover routes when Route Drivers are on vacation, service machines for current customers and to bring them product when they need it.
- 3. The person who I reported to at Auto-Chlor when I first began and currently is Sam Villanueva (hereinafter "Sam").
- 4. When I began working for Auto-Chlor, I was provided with 5 uniforms, which consist of a button down shirt and slacks that have the Auto-Chlor logo on them.

My uniforms are cleaned weekly by a company called Aramark. If my uniform gets ratty or torn, Auto-Chlor replaces my uniform. I have never been charged for my uniform.

- 5. When I first started working for Auto-Chlor, I made \$12.00 per hour plus time and a half for overtime for all hours worked over forty in one week. I currently make \$14.50 per hour plus time and a half for overtime.
- 6. As far as benefits go, Auto-Chlor is very generous. In addition to my regular rate of pay, I am paid sick time, holidays and vacation time. Not only that, but Auto-Chlor is allowing me participate in profit sharing.
- 7. When I first started working for Auto-Chlor, my regular shift was from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00PM, with a one hour break each day, 5 days a week, or Monday through Friday. In addition to my regular shift, I was also required to work "on call" on a rotation, which resulted in me working on call for one week out of approximately every 7 weeks or so.
- 8. I currently work from 10:00 A.M. until 7:30PM, with a half hour lunch break each day, 5 days a week or Monday through Friday. I am paid time and a half for every hour I work in excess of 40 hours per week. I still work "on call" on rotation, which *now* results in me working "on call" one day each week. I am a floater on the weekends, meaning I cover "on call" if someone is sick or cannot work their scheduled "on call" time.
- 9. When I am "on call", I am not required to be at work, but am allowed to do whatever I want so long as I am available a phone call away to respond to customer issues. When a customer reports an issue with their machine when I am "on call", I am

notified and leave wherever I am to service the customer. I am compensated for my "on call" time by keeping time log of the time from when I leave my house, or current location, until I return home, or to my current location. At the end of my "on call" shift, I report my time to my supervisor, Sam, so that he can include my time in that week's payroll.

- 10. For the entire time that I have worked for Auto-Chlor, it has always been company policy that "on call" time is compensated from the time we leave our house until the time we return home, and everyone knows that. Everyone also knows that the reporting of our "on call" time is based upon the "honor system" and that our boss relies upon us to accurately report our time. I have always been paid for the time I have reported to my boss and that time has always included my travel time from my home to the customer's location and my travel time from the customer's location back home.
- 11. I have been told that the plaintiff in this case is claiming that the "on call" time is reported from the time we arrive at the customer's location until the time we leave the customer's location. That simply is not true and has not been the policy of Auto-Chlor at least as long as I have been here.
- 12. If I ever had a problem with my paycheck, which I have not, I know that it is Auto-Chlor's policy that any discrepancy be reported to my boss, Sam, and I know that it would be taken care of immediately.
- 13. It is Auto-Chlor's policy to compensate employees from the time they leave home, or wherever they are, until they return home. I am not aware of anyone ever not

being compensated for their "on call" time from the time they left home until the time they returned thereto.

ROOPRAM HARILALL

Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.

Kristin J. Kircheim

Notory Public, State of New York

Commission Expires may 33, 2015.